Legislative Council for many years. Later he occupied many responsible posts in the Government of Cochin and finally retired as Judge of the Cochin High Court. I desire, on behalf of the House to express our deep sense of sorrow for the loss we have sustained and our sympathies to the relatives of the deceased. The House will stand in silence for some time as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

(All the members stood in silence for a minute.)

Announcement regarding questions.

Mr. Speaker : In view of the innumerable questions received and allowed, I have to make an announcement with a view to establishing a convention. A perusal of the printed list of questions circulated among the members will show that substantially the same questions have been given notice of by several members. If these questions are to be answered every time they appeared in the list, it would amount to a mere repetition of the answers furnished. I would, therefore, suggest that we establish a convention in this House that questions which are substantially the same and in respect of which detailed answers were given are not put again, although such questions may appear in the list of questions for the day. This would avoid the necessity of answering questions of similar nature every time they appear in the list, so that the House gets an opportunity to reach more starred questions within the time allotted. I hope hon. Members will co-operate with me to see that this convention is observed.

Papers laid on the Table.

Mr. Speaker : Now we come to the next item, Papers laid on the table.

Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies (**Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon**) : Sir, I lay on the table the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Travancore-Cochin Ordinance, 1953 (Ordinance II of 1953).

Sir, I also lay on the table of the House the Travancore-Cochin Public Debt Ordinance, 1953 (Ordinance III of 1953).

I further lay on the table of the House the Appropriation Accounts 1950-51 and the Audit Report 1952 of the Government of Travancore-Cochin.

Chief Minister (**Shri A. J. John**) : Sir, I beg to lay on the table the Annual Report on the working of the Public Service Commission for the year 1951-52 together with the Memorandum under Article 323(2) of the Constitution of India.

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